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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371 AND 37 CFR 1.491

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U.S. APPLICATION NO.

107009521

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/JP00/03307

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

May 24, 2000

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

TITLE OF INVENTION

ELECTROCHEMICAL ETCHING METHOD AND APPARATUS AND PRODUCT MANUFACTURED THEREBY

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US


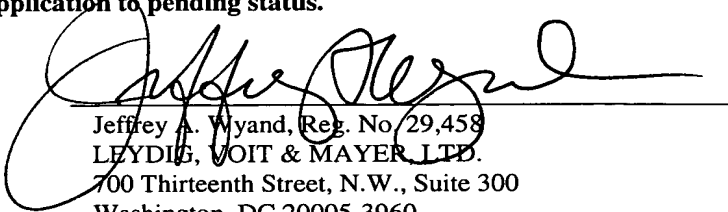
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.491.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)).
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (PCT Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).
11. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. ☐ Paper Copy
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

Items 12 to 19 below concern other document(s) or information included:

12. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
 - ☒ Form PTO-1449
 - ☒ Copies of Listed Documents
13. ☒ An assignment for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
14. ☒ A FIRST preliminary amendment.
 - ☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☒ Application Data Sheet Under 37 CFR 1.76
18. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
19. ☒ Other items or information: (Drawings 12 sheets)

U.S. APPLICATION NO. 10,009521		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP00/03307		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 401479			
20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$1,040.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$890.00 International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO, but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO..... \$740.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$710.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4)..... \$100.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT=				CALCULATIONS		PTO USE ONLY	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the National fee or oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date				\$			
CLAIMS		NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	
Total Claims		18		-20=		x \$ 18.00	
Independent Claims		4		- 3 =		x \$ 84.00	
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS=				\$974.00			
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$			
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment. The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet. \$40.00 per property				+		\$40.00	
TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED=				\$1,014.00			
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$1,014.00 to cover the above fee is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.							
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.							
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